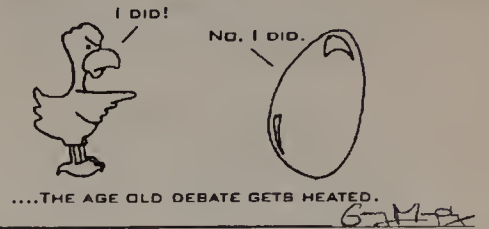




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## GET INVOLVED

By Thomas de Witt



Kudos to Dave McInnis for taking the initiative to restart our college newspaper after a hiatus of several years. Before agreeing to his request for an "article" - more of a message I think -- I asked him what issue concerned him most as he finished his senior year. Without hesitation, he said student involvement.

Campus life is not vibrant enough; students are largely apathetic - a complaint heard across the nation. There is not enough school spirit. The same handful of students run the clubs, staff student government, initiate events and plan activities. The cascading litany sounded all too familiar.

Dave then asked me to address his concern (and mine, to be sure) in my welcoming remarks. On one level I'm the wrong person to write about "getting involved." As a longtime administrator, I am removed from the day-to-day lives of our students (though in conversations with many, I begin to understand the conflicting pressures of getting a good education yet facing financial concerns, family issues and the ever-present challenge of balancing work, play and studies.) As a commuter at a large state institution - the University of Manitoba - in the sixties, I faced fewer financial issues but do not recall being particularly active in student life on campus either.

Despite these caveats, I share Dave's frustration. After all, with one son in college and another to follow in his footsteps next year, I want them to get more out of a college experience than passing courses and getting a degree. As our Vice President for Academic Affairs has repeatedly said, indeed making it his mantra, education is more than a collection of course requirements. So what to do? The responsibility lies with students. We can provide opportunities, but you must seize them. The often-heard complaint that there is nothing to do is disingenuous. The new choral group has eight participants despite constant e-mail advertising; the drama group is a bit larger, but I have not heard of people being turned away. Your student government leaders sponsor open meetings so that you can register concerns with administrators in attendance, but few students show up.

But the picture is not quite as bleak as student turnout at events suggests! A bevy of new, small groups, be it a cycling club or business leadership training, are forming almost spontaneously. More students are involved in intramural sports, encouraged by Chris Harvey, the new assistant athletic director.

My message is therefore quite simple. Get involved, not for the sake of other students or to promote school spirit, but to enrich your own lives. Small colleges provide far more opportunities for leadership roles. Test your abilities, your interests; see if you can make something happen. Do not look back on your years at Lasell a decade from now without recalling some memorable event or activities which helped to change your life. If the intrinsic value of broadening your interests is not a sufficiently compelling argument to abandon apathy for activity, then be practical. After all, most of you came to Lasell in part because of its strong career programs. Employers are far more impressed with job candidates who have had a well-rounded college experience - one that highlights personal initiative, inquisitiveness and openness to new ways of thinking. So get involved! If you think I'm all wet, send a letter to the editor!



## Lasell's "Crazy Fools" A Band of principle...

By Steve Golisano

All bands have a theme, a devotion that drives them forward to express themselves to others through music. In this case, it's the need to party that pushes these entertainers to expand their possibilities. This group captures the essence of the college experience and makes it their mission to create a feel-good celebration wherever they play. Already having gained a large following from their hometown of Mohawk Valley, NY, this American jam band has no intention of slowing down their progress. It all began one summer when brothers Ryan and Sean Gaffney and their good friend Jon Sullivan decided to set their minds on fire and start up a band. The main idea behind the band was always to have fun and let the good times roll. Drummer, Jessica Voce (Not present in photo), joined the band after she became frustrated with the band she was in at the time. "I belong with these guys... I am a crazy fool, so I fit perfectly." Having all grown up in the same area, this is a very tightly knit group who see many things in the same light, which contributes to their success as a band.

With only a year-and-a-half behind them, The Crazy Fools has already played a variety of venues and has already come out with a demo CD; their full-length CD is debuting this summer. They are constantly perfecting their sound, working on some of their new material, or just hammering out some classic tunes. These self-taught musicians work on all types of music, not wanting to put themselves into a category. "Labels only put a limit on the music you can create," says Sullivan. The Crazy Fools cover songs from bands like Sublime, Weezer, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. They also work with classic songs from greats such as Hendrix and bands like Pink Floyd. Their original compositions are all very different. Some songs are rock, while others may be kind of trippy and others have a New Age feel. "The songs we write all come from past experiences that we have had, so they range in style depending on how we are feeling at the time," says Ryan.

It's not hard to catch a quick performance here at Lasell. Even though Sean and Jessica are both living in NY, as student/residents of Lasell College living in Karandon house, Jon and Ryan are always willing to put on a show. I wouldn't be surprised if you have already heard them play. One of their favorite times to play is when walking around campus, usually after one or two in the morning. Having personally witnessed these "mini shows" many times, I can tell you firsthand that live music is essential late on a Thursday night. So if you are on the Campus Police force, give them a break; they're just practicing.

The Crazy fools have yet to perform officially at Lasell, only playing 3 songs at the College's Talent Show last December. However the band is scheduled for a Saturday night show in de Witt Hall on February 22nd. If you have any questions about the Crazy Fools, or want to book them for a gig, check out their website ([www.crazyfools.8k.com](http://www.crazyfools.8k.com)) and click on "Contact the Fools," or just stop Jon or Ryan if you see them around campus.

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# Construction Update Interview With Thomas Koerber

By Georgina Zala

Director of Public Safety and Plant Operations at Lasell, Mr. Thomas Koerber is walking into a 7:00 p.m. Potter Hall meeting like he just started the day. Jovial, looking rested and energetic, Mr. Koerber's day was far from uneventful. He answers questions with cheerful ease.

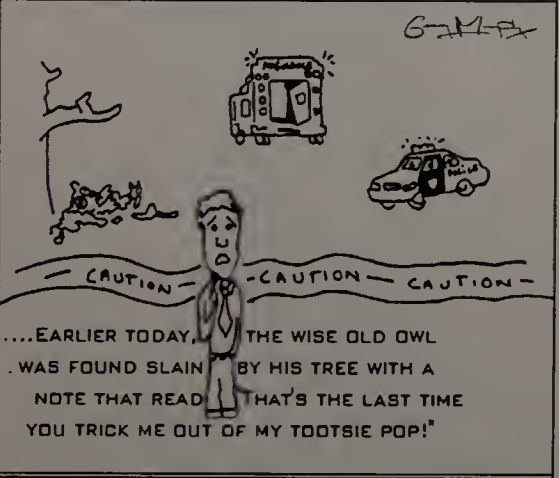
We would like to know how far the new construction has reached. Everyone would like to see Lasell College expand. 150 years ago the original college building stood atop the hill and was later named Bragdon Hall in honor of Dr. Charles C. Bragdon, president for 34 years. This building was then demolished in 1973 due to disrepair and the hill became known as Bragdon Hill. Today the hill is gone but its construction site is still known as Bragdon Hill.

"We have been doing a lot of construction in the past three years," Say Koerber, "Three dormitories have been built in this period and for the first time in decades, these dorms are filled to capacity." What are the plans for the new buildings that you are presently working on? Mr Koerber went on to spurt out data and figures, not having to ask any more questions as he updated me to the last detail. "The two major projects are Bragdon Hill and a new Lasell Village building. On Bragdon Hill we are building a 60-bed dorm that will be hopefully operational by next September. The rooms will have four beds each. Up to three buildings are permitted, so there is a lot of potential for expansion,"

What facilities will be in the new Bragdon Hall? "It will be a mix-use building with a bookstore, mailroom, cafeteria and student meeting place. We are also planning a 120-car underground parking garage."

What about the new Lasell Village building? "We are building - on Seminary Avenue, across from the dormitory - nine additional units with forty parking spaces. This construction started ten months earlier and the new Lasell Village is scheduled to open in March 2003.

Mr. Koerber then lists some factors that every student has to be aware of. "There is a lot of construction going on. We experience difficulties with parking and noise. We are asking everyone's cooperation as the construction is for everyone's future benefit."



# Twenty Years at Lasell Millie Costanzo

By Aida Mejia

When thinking about the people who make our college experience a memorable one, we rarely remember to appreciate the services provided by the dining hall staff- in particular, Millie Costanzo. She has served Lasell College with utmost dedication and efficiency for twenty years. We met up with Millie and her co-workers to find out a little more about this committed individual. "Millie is the best person you will ever meet," comments Shakisha Goodwin, a student who works with Millie.

Many changes have occurred since Millie's arrival at Lasell College. But, the biggest change, she says, "is the school's transition from all female to co-educational." Despite Lasell's tremendous increase in population over the years, Millie is extremely familiar with a majority of the students. "She knows a large part of the student body who walk into the cafeteria," claims Millie's Head Manager, Mary Anne Conroy-Miller. When watching how Millie interacts with the students, it is evident that she values her relationships with them. In fact, she considered getting to know the students as the favorite aspect of her job. "I treat the students the way that I want to be treated by them," states Millie. Many students agree that Millie is always quite helpful and easy to talk to. According to Caitlin Zmayefski, "She's like a grandmother."

Millie's fondest memory is when Lasell College students voted her best friend and co-worker, Kay Sinerate, and herself into the school's yearbook. Kay added that Millie was very helpful to her on the first day on the job thirteen years ago. The two have been through a lot together. "She was very comforting when my husband and son died." Kay says about her friend, "We call each other when we're out sick and have lots of fun teasing each other. We worked with a dear friend named Betty and we often speak about how much we miss her."

After speaking with her co-workers there is no doubt that Millie is wonderful to work with. Debbie Sautter, who also works with Millie, agrees. "Millie is a little nuts, but a lot of fun."

"She likes people that do things the way they should be done," comments another of Millie's co-workers, Delroy Campbell.

"She is an employee every manager wants and takes responsibility for the whole place." Says Conroy- Miller. And this is quite a feat for Millie, since "she's seen more managers come and go than hamburgers!"

But Millie wasn't always so confident and efficient at work. "My first day on the job, I was nervous about making mistakes and thought to myself, 'I want to quit!'" Lucky for us, she never did. For Millie, the successful and smooth functioning of the dining hall is an essential part of her job. She continues to be gracious and polite and always welcomes students with a smile while inquiring on how they are doing. So, next time you're in the dining hall, don't forget to thank Millie for her many years of outstanding work.

# Faculty/staff Spotlight Tammy Godin

BY Cassandra Maurissaint

The faculty/staff spotlight is a way for students to familiarize themselves with faculty and staff. For this edition, our spotlight is on Tammy Godin. Tammy Godin is the Help Desk Administrator here at Lasell College. She has been at Lasell for ten months. As the Help Desk Administrator, Tammy's responsibilities are to address any computer problems that faculty, staff, or students may encounter and to administer that information to the proper technician.

Tammy's interest in computers began when she was in high school. When she graduated from high school, she attended the University of Rhode Island. She majored in computer science, but she realized that she had other interests besides computers, so she minored in dance and theater. After college, Tammy taught dance while working part-time in the restaurant business. She enjoyed the restaurant business and she worked her way up to general manager of a high volume restaurant and has worked there for the past nine years. While working in the restaurant, she was able to solve any computer problems that occurred. So, when she was ready for a job change, she chose computers.

I asked Tammy how she manages to keep things organized when the help desk gets busy. She said organization is a required trait. There are lab assistants that help with answering phones and that help fellow students in the lab with issues such as: printing, saving to different storage devices, and general questions on Word and Excel. Tammy mentioned that everyone in the IT department is more than willing to help to each other. The most common issues she deals with are e-mail, Jenzabar, and basic application questions for students. For professors and staff, issues can vary from dial up access, e-mail questions, program use, and virus protections. I also asked if students and faculty give her a hard time. She said that they are just frustrated when they need to get something accomplished and technology stops their progress. She says that treating people with respect and having patience with them usually helps to eliminate some of the stress that they are feeling.

Her favorite task is being able to provide people with the proper information, so they can continue with their work or finish a task. Most people are very appreciative of any computer assistance. There's a lot of information to absorb and helping others helps her to learn even more about her job. Tammy enjoys trying to figure something out that she is not familiar with. She also enjoys getting to know the students and having daily interactions with them. Her least favorite task is collecting money for phone bills and shutting off long distance codes. She feels bad when a student owes \$100.00 for a phone bill and can't pay it. She has to then shut off their code; but she knows that she is preparing students for life, which involves facing harsh realities. Tammy is also a student. So she understands the stress and frustrations students go through. She is currently attending Framingham State College. She is taking science and computer classes and she is working towards a degree in wildlife and environmental management. She thinks that by taking classes, she will better understand the pressures of college students. It also helps her to understand when students get stressed about completing projects.

Tammy's hobbies include a lot of outdoor activities. She loves to hike the White Mountains and go on backpacking adventures. She also enjoys mountain biking and run when she's not working or studying. I asked her that if she had to start her life all over again would she choose the same career. She said that a career evolves over a lifetime. She has had an array of job experiences, but they all have been interrelated. She is very pleased that she has had the opportunity to work within the computer industry while in an academic environment. Not knowing what to do when college is finished is okay; just don't let opportunities pass you by just because they're not exactly what you went to school for, or exactly what you want. You never know what you may end up liking or being good at.



# FASHION

## Where is This Going?!

By Darcy Frye

"Forget it! This college isn't going anywhere. No interview! We're doomed!" announced an eccentric Richard Bath as I approached him in Yamawaki parking lot.

"Great," I said. "I'll send my kids here."

The truth is, the fashion program is reaching forward constantly. When asked what was planned for the future of the Lasell fashion program, he had more than an abundance to say, and most of the plans are, "almost at completion or in the works."

Professor Bath mentioned that Lasell was planning to offer a Master's degree in Fashion Merchandising and Design, although this as of yet is not in the works. "We are promoting minors in communications and event planning with the fashion program along with a minor in graphic merchandising. For the design program, we want to bring in millinery specialties and accessory design and textile sciences."

Lasell also plans to expand partnerships with the Navy in the department of clothing and textile research. "This is in completion for internships in design and merchandising. Also we plan to expand our partnerships with Susan Bristol sweaters company and we plan to open a manufacturing operation in Boston with Karpman Industries, International Garment Union of America and American Investment Enterprises. This will allow students to work with area industries on a work force level and training."

"We want to expand Polished to a stand alone magazine. We want to change it from being a once a semester magazine to four times a school year." They want to do it as a combination of a regular magazine staff and a class assignment. They want to turn it over to students for editorials and work with professionals to work on the whole idea. "We need someone who is serious about it. Students need to take a leadership role with the magazine. To turn it over to a stand alone magazine is a two-year process. We are in the first year now. We also plan to open an office in Yamawaki for Polished in Spring 2003."

In other news, the recent bonus fall fashion show could possibly become a permanent fixture at our school. "The fall show will be in the hands of the students, and the spring show is in the hands of the faculty, industry professionals and students."

Professor Bath also mentioned the possible expansion of the study abroad program. When asked if it was easier to get funds for new projects now that Lasell is growing, he laughed and replied, "The Institute is always looking for creative ways to make money."

## Interview with Jay Calderin: Founder of Fashion Week

By Samantha Dulac

Jay Calderin is a man who specializes in fashion. He plays multiple roles in the Boston community, from being the founder of Boston Fashion Week to a teacher here at Lasell. Boston attracted Jay, the New York City native, because of "its quality of life." Jay feels that he can do the same type of business here as in New York, but feels that he will enjoy a more satisfying life here in Boston. While in Boston Jay has organized Maverick Magazine and the television show, Boston Style Profile, both of which are no longer in production. These were, however, significant first steps in the formation of Boston Fashion Week.

It was the idea of Fashion Week that really jump-started a large interest and awareness of the fashion industry in Boston. After just completing its ninth year in a row, Fashion Week has come a long way since its early stages. At first everyone involved was really excited and dedicated to the project, since it was a novelty. By the second year it was harder to motivate people, get publicity, and even more difficult to stress the idea that Fashion Week would be an ongoing tradition in Boston.

Jay was persistent in keeping Boston Fashion Week alive. That doesn't mean that Fashion Week has stopped evolving and cannot be improved. Next year will be the tenth anniversary of this event. Jay and the Vision Council, will organize, and run fashion week. Vision Council, a group of about forty members, will come up with ideas. They have decided to "get back to the roots." The group wants to address technology, art, education, and community service. These are the four basic corners that fashion week was originally based on. Technology-wise, a more advanced web site, with reviews and playbacks of every event, has been planned. To cover the art corner there will be a more inspirational aspect to the week, and as far as education, Jay hopes to make more resources available to students such as internships. It is planned that more research and history will be put into the educational aspect, and fashion roles, such as forecasting, will be addressed. Also being added to next year's Boston Fashion Week will be a new Student Council. This Student Council will mimic the Vision Council. It will consist of student representatives who will assist with the format, planning, and carrying out of the whole week.

Jay is most proud of uniting people through fashion. The fashion community of Boston has really come together since Jay's involvement has gotten involved, and just the presence of Fashion Week has drastically made the growing fashion community more known and heard. When asked how he ever manages his time, Jay explains his dedication simply by blurting out, "No sleep," and how could one even think about sleep with such a full and exciting plate on his hands?

## Multicultural

By Darcy Frye

In a quest to find out what is truly thought about American fashion, the 1851 interviewed two foreign students and asked them their opinion.

**Name:** Maha al Shoaibi

**Country:** Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Maha is a full time Lasell student and will be continuing her education here until graduation in two years.

**Traditional dress:** A dress of black. Made of chemise or chiffon. May be decorated with gold thread at wrist and collar. Sometimes beaded or decorated with braids.

**Street Dress:** An 'abaya,' a black piece open in the middle, similar to a long coat. Made typically of silk or crepe. Can be a variety of colors, many times worn with one color of fabric over another as a contrast. A scarf is worn over the head and ribbons decorate it and also at the wrist. "The purpose is covering the body. Now, people attract more attention, but me, I cover because that is the point. I don't wear black."

**How she feels about American style:** We always count our country as the 53rd state. We have fashion companies from all over the world, which you don't have here. We have European designers, English, French, Italian. Really modern. Here, I go to the Natick Mall and it's all the same products, the same thing. You have to go to New York for European shops. My city contains a lot of styles to match everybody. We wear jeans a lot. You are famous for your jeans. People are more fashionable back home. Here people wear jeans to go to dinner. They (Saudis) like French better than American because of the varieties of companies and shopping."

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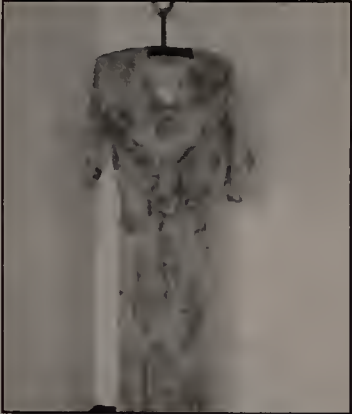
## Costume Collection at Lasell

By Allison Privitera

Wouldn't it be nice if students on the Lasell campus could actually look at garments from different time periods, face to face, without going to a museum? Actually, Lasell currently has a collection of time-period pieces on loan from Morgan Memorial/Goodwill Incorporated in Boston. This collection, ranging from the 1850's crinoline period, to the turn-of-the-century Edwardian period, 1920's flapper designs, WWI and WWII utility dresses, and 1960's Pucci dresses, "represents over 100 years of the changes in style," said Professor Jill Carey at the College.

The only problem is that the garments are not yet properly stored or displayed, while they are also losing their value because they are on hangers or not in acid free boxes. Professor Carey, with help from some honors students, is working on a clothing gallery proposal so that the Museum Collection can be conserved, organized, restored, and eventually exhibited on the second floor of Yamawaki. Plans for the gallery are underway, as the students and Carey are evaluating the space that they have to use and realizing the materials that will be needed. Ultimately, there will be a web-based catalog system and students at Lasell can go and observe the collection.

The importance of the Museum Collection at Lasell College is that it shows how fashion is a reflection of the times and it is an "extremely valuable resource," said Professor Carey. Fashion design and graphic design students can use this collection to examine fabrics, styles, and silhouettes, while fashion-merchandising students can study how costumes are a reflection of what is happening in the world. Students of other majors and members from the community can also take advantage of this unusual resource, as Lasell College is lucky to be one of few schools with a working costume collection.





## Editor's Note

By David McInnis  
Editor-In-Chief



Congratulations to the staff of the 1851. Your effort ensures that the student voice is heard throughout the community and creates an incredible opportunity for connected learning. My thanks go out to all the contributors.

Since I have the privilege of seeing these articles before print, I would like to

further comment on one. President de Witt writes in his message to students "get involved".

My message might be best explained through my initial experience with this school newspaper. At that time having no understanding of how a school newspaper might be run, I was unsure if my effort would lead to success. But with a few bumps from Mr. Bloom I became more and more interested and the ball started to roll. From this I continued on and encountered an incredible amount of people on campus that were and still are interested. It became a chain reaction and involvement created more involvement.

Do I think that students need to "get involved" more? Yes, but my message is to those who wish to inspire students. Get involved by sparking the fire inside of students the way that Mr. Bloom did in me. Not only because students that are involved now will stay involved with Lasell throughout their lives, but because they look up to you for guidance and want to be your friends outside of the school/work environment.

I encourage all campus groups to use this paper as a vehicle to communicate. The 1851 is completely student run but needs the support of faculty and staff. Anyone interested in being involved with 1851's next issue should email me at [Lasellnews@lasell.edu](mailto:Lasellnews@lasell.edu)

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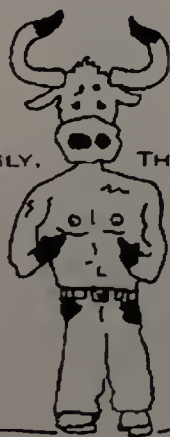
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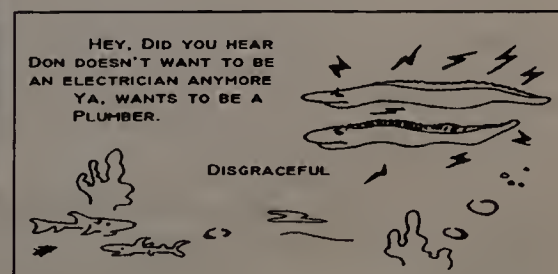


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# Lasell's Student Organizations

By Kim Thrash

Each year Lasell's student body continues to grow. As a result, student organizations and clubs are increasing. By joining or starting a club or organization you are expressing an interest, and can meet people with similar interests. Have an idea...Start your own club.

All it takes is an idea to start a new club. Your first step is to talk with someone in Student Activities. They will point you in the right direction. Starting a club may sound easy, but there are some standard requirements. If you are interested in starting an organization you must make it unique, and like no other clubs on campus. Whatever the club or organization may be it must be open to all Lasell students, and cannot discriminate in any way.

Also you must have a minimum number of people to start with. With all this information you should then go to Student Affairs. After these requirements have been met, you will then need to follow a few steps.

1. Write up a constitution stating the purpose of the organization, and how it will be run.
2. Contact Student Activities in finding an advisor. All organizations require an advisor.
3. Your organization must hold regular meetings.

With all this information you should be able to attempt starting your own club. If you are not interested in starting your own club take a look at the list to find out if there are any which you would be interested in joining.

The following clubs and organizations are already offered. If you have any interests please contact the name below:

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16. Caribbean Beat  
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# Multicultural

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**Name:** Yuka Hanari

**Country:** Japan

Yuka is a full time student and will be continuing her education here until she graduates.

**Traditional Dress:** Kimono of silk or polyester. For special events only such as when a man or woman turns twenty for their ceremony.

**Street Dress:** Jeans mostly for men and women. Women wear skirts of all lengths. They shop by brands, like the GAP and Uniqulo. "Uniqulo uses cheap materials imported from China, but it is a very popular store."

What are some differences between Japanese and American style? "(Japanese) wear more accessories. Here I think most people wear sneakers. In my country they usually wear different kinds of shoes. High heels. Most women prefer platforms. I prefer to live here because I don't try hard to look good. When I come home from Japan, they look at me like...I suck. I look like I just came back from the US."

What do the Japanese think of American style? "They like it. They used to think American style is old fashioned because they usually wear jeans. You can buy a variety of jeans from expensive to cheap. Even when they really dress up, they sometimes wear jeans. Yeah, they like it. Especially among teenagers. They like American pop style like Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera. They watch it on TV. American people know about the quality of jeans."

# Horoscopes

By Jenn Enice

Capricorn (Dec22-Jan20)  Stop procrastinating; people will understand you better if you are secure in what you do. Focus on your friendships; you may find some chemistry between you and a friend. Be careful because you might stumble upon this person next time you are at Valentine Hall.	Aquarius (Jan21-Feb19)  Don't take things for granted; make long term plans as soon as you get your present work done. Watch out because your busy schedule may take up your quality time with a friend or a lover. In the meantime spend time in Brennan Library; you may come upon some good luck for one of your bad luck classes.	Pisces (Feb20-Mar20)  Stay out of trouble, be organized and watch your temper. Love is in the air; appreciate what you got while you have it. Show your loved one how much you care about them by taking a romantic walk through Lasell Village, around the 30th.	Aries (Mar22-Apr20)  Observe nature and its beauty, listen to old friends. You will discover more about yourself by the relationship you are in. Share quality time with your partner by having dinner together in the cafeteria and share a bowl of ice cream...
Taurus (Apr21-May21)  Think positively because your life is a reflection of your thoughts. The communication portion in your relationship needs some work, be careful about emotional distractions. Another obstacle in your life may appear in the Bursar's office, try to prevent it before it happens.	Gemini (May22-June21)  Try not to blame yourself for other's mishaps. Focus on your goals. Do not let your focus get out of control because it will occupy your relationship with a loved one. Even if you feel overwhelmed with work, try to stay away from the computer lab because an issue may arise that will hurt your loved one.	Cancer (Jun22-Jul23)  Try to improve things, because they will never be the same as before. Look out for dating and social opportunities to keep your mind off things. If you are thinking about transferring, think twice, because it may not be the best decision.	Leo (Jul24-Aug23)  Fate and love is on your side, hold on to what you have in order to keep it strong. Avoid being over-confident and selfish with your other half. Drop and add time for classes is coming up soon; think about going to the Registrar's Office and enrolling in a class totally opposite of your major; it may lead to a career-changing choice.
Virgo (Aug24-Sept23)  Try to avoid making new problems, you have enough already. Watch out for paranoia and accusations. Verbalize your love to your partner rather than physically. Be cautious if you are invited to a party next month, be hesitant, it may be a bad idea to go.	Libra (Sept24-Oct23)  Some one close to you is in need of help, take them out for a good time. Try playing pool in the 1851, then head out to Boston because something interesting may happen on the T. Don't let this get in the way of focusing on your own needs.	Scorpio (Oct24-Nov22)  Try not to do everything in one day, relax a little. With that in mind your relationship will progress smoothly this month. Enjoy some popcorn and watch a movie, rented from the library collection with your friends.	Sagittarius (Nov23-Dec21)  Partake in activities you are interested in. Do not complain about those who play before work. Share your emotions rather than hiding them from your mate. Speaking of hiding, stay away from Woodland on the last Thursday of the month; you may regret the actions that you take.

# The Message at Lasell



By Camille Frith



# Today's Street Racing Culture

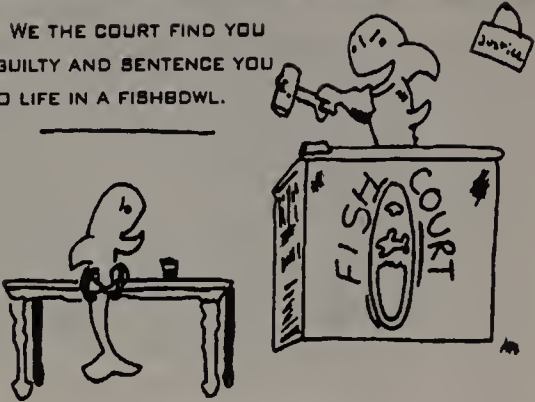
By Dean Scarsella

Almost every night thousands of young drivers across the country play a game of Russian Roulette by entering in illegal street races. Despite the apparent danger involved in street racing it seems to be one of the most popular pasttimes of today's youth. Street racing has existed since the early 1950's in this country but in the last ten years it has taken on a whole new face. The M.O. remains the same, Cars gather at a certain place such as a gas station or convenience market and wagers are made. Some wagers consist of cash or material items while others could be the pink slip to someone's car. The main thing that has changed in the last ten years is the cars and the kids that are driving them. Street racing is not just a hobby, but also a culture, which is somewhat innate in many youth. The after market car industry pulls in over 3 billion dollars in sales a year. Today's youth have money and knowledge thanks mostly to the vast development in technology and the emergence of the Internet. The street racing culture today is predominantly Asian based on most of the cars being imported from Japan. Kids today use their cars as an artist would use a blank canvas, from changing the exterior appearance, interior look, and most importantly making the machines go faster. These kids express their passion for racing through their cars. When modifying an automobile the sky is the limit and almost anything can be done. It depends on the creativeness of the owner and the amount of money he or she is willing to put into the project. Last year's summer blockbuster The Fast and the Furious was a perfect example of how the import car racing world functions. Director Rob Cohen was the first to bring the street racing culture to the big screen and achieved this with great success. The movie grossed over 120 million dollars in ticket and DVD sales. This is a great representation of the number of car enthusiasts that are involved in the street-racing world and have embraced it as a culture. Look for the sequel to the Fast and The Furious to hit theaters in the summer of 2003.

So are the streets safe? What will you do when you see several super modified street machines blazing down the highway? Get out of the way!



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## Poetry

### True Love, Untrue Love

By Tania Cirino

Love that is true  
last through all seasons  
Love that is untrue  
comes and goes without reasons

One with true love  
lives happily ever after  
while one with untrue love  
has a life without laughter

So if you have true love  
hold on to it real tight,  
but if you have untrue love  
run away with all your might.

## Looking For a Few Good Men

By Jenn Erice

"All the world's a stage," as Shakespeare would say, but what is a stage without male actors? It seems as though the roles were reversed; in the Shakespearean era all roles were played by male actors. Here at Lasell College, an all female cast has taken over. The head of the Drama Club, Kent Miller, had to plan a series of scenes, instead of a full play, because it is difficult to have a play without any male actors. The all female cast is working out well for now. The series of scenes they are performing are pieces from "The Importance of Earnest," in which Jenny Du Puis has a leading role, "A Midsummer's Night Dream," "The House of Bernarda Alba," and many more. The actresses are also doubling up to help Sarah Barber on stage crew. The actresses are also busy designing their own costumes, hopefully in the future they can team up with fashion design students to create a larger wardrobe variety. Next semester the Drama Club is looking forward to a full-length performance, possibly a musical

## Mark of a Champion

### Men's Basketball Prepare to Defend NAC Title

By Anthony Maimone

Talent, hard-work, determination, fearlessness, respect, teamwork and a little bit of luck is what it took for the Lasell men's basketball team to win it all. Unfortunately, that was last year and it will be much harder to repeat the feat this year.

The 2002-2003 version of the men's basketball team will look far more different than that of last year's team. That's not going to stop them from trying to be like last year's team: champions. Varsity Head Coach Chris Harvey said that the team was "Young, but experienced. They are a tight group who came together real fast. Unfortunately, this was my first year ever where the team has had to deal with injuries that have affected their development."


One thing for sure is that this team really needed to come together fast because there are a lot of new faces and underclassmen on the team. "It is good and bad only having three seniors on the team. It simply means we are young and talented, but just don't have that much game experience" explained Coach Harvey. Though the team is relatively new there are players on the team that will provide the leadership needed both on and off the court. Team captains Greg Walker and Mike Gallagher must carry the load as leaders of the team. According to Coach Harvey, "Greg will be more of the floor leader, he'll be the one making the plays, but there is no replacement for the leadership Mike brings in the locker room."

Since there will be a lot of new players on the court, there are three that students should look out for. Demetrius Defesus is a 6'5" sophomore that Coach Harvey raves about. "Demetrius is going to have his breakout season, and he has the capability of being a twenty point, ten rebound player." Two other young players ready to make an impact are 6'4" freshman from Southington, Ct. Mike Unwin and a 6'4" four-man from Wakefield, MA. James Iosua.

The team prides itself on the level of competition it plays. In order to be a champion you must play championship caliber teams and Coach Harvey has two games early in the season on his mind. They began the season at a William's Tourney where they played two games. They lost the first game to Ithaca, but were able to hold off Endicott in the second game and go home with a 1-1 record. Obviously the main topic during the preseason was trying to figure out how to repeat last year's tremendous season. It's simple; you need to have good talent. Coach Harvey also mentioned, "No days off and a little bit of luck will get us far. Of course the teams that work hard normally get the breaks; good teams earn them."

In every sport it is very difficult to repeat as champions because you get everyone's best shot. "Everyone is trying to get what you have," says Coach Harvey. Anwar Hunte, a transfer student from Florida, says, "There is a little pressure, just because I know I'm coming into a championship team, but the team is strong and united. So I have no doubt we will be successful this season." The aforementioned Mike Unwin adds, "Though I don't know what to expect from our competition, I feel we will have a winning season."

In order to be a champion a team must win the close battles. Coach Harvey explains in other words, "To be a champion, you need to be willing to risk failure for greater success." The team is now 6-1 and riding a six game winning streak, but only time will tell whether this team can leave their mark as champions AGAIN!







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## One to Remember A look back at fall sports

By Anthony Maimone

This group of athletes began their training before any other student arrived on campus. They train hard for two weeks before school begins. They run, jump, dive, and sweat to make them better for the upcoming season. What links all these athletes together is that they take part on a fall sports team. Men's and women's soccer, field hockey, women's volleyball, and cross country make up the programs involved with fall sports. The 2002 fall season provided a lot of excitement and drama. There were ups and there were downs but all and all it was a good fall season. What made it so memorable was that the men's soccer team won its first ever NAC Conference title and the women's volleyball fought a tough battle in the NAC finals.

Men's soccer began the season with anticipation of having a solid season. Well, though the season did not begin that way, they could not have asked for a better ending. The men's soccer team finished with a 13-4-3 record and the schools first ever NAC championship. In order for the team to win they needed some big performances by certain athletes. They did and because of it they were well represented throughout the all conference teams. Making the first team all conference were captain Ronny Salmeron, Anthony Scarsella, and Dean Scarsella. All NAC second team included goal keeper Graig Murphy and Captain Bryan Silveira. Lasell was also well represented throughout the all tournament team. Seniors David McInnis, Anthony Scarsella, Dean Scarsella, and Silveira all made it, while Graig Murphy took home top honors as tourney MVP. Taking home some team awards were Mike Carr, who was named team MVP, and Brent Pecchia, who was the most improved player.

On the women's side, they too had themselves a good season, but they could not take home the hardware. The team posted an 11-6-1 record before losing to Mt. Ida 2-1 in the Conference semi-finals. Team captains Jen Cronin, Alyssa Hein, and Sarah Phillips led the team, while Merina Andersen and Ashley Matthews led the scoring. Matthews was the only player named to the 1st team all conference, along with being the team MVP. Stephanie Williams and Andersen were named to the all 2nd team. Jamie Doran and Kim Jordan were the only players to make the All Tourney Team. Rounding out the team awards was Andersen, who won the Rookie of the Year.

The field hockey team was not as successful as I'm sure they had hoped, but the team had a few bright spots. Though the team was only 3-13, they have a lot to look forward to in the future. The team's lone representative in the All Conference 1st Team, freshmen Danielle Dorris, had an incredible start to her college career. Her outstanding season gave her the Rookie of the Year award and the team something to look forward to in the future. Not to be forgotten is Meredith Brady, a junior who was named to the All Conference 2nd Team.

The women's volleyball team's record was very deceiving. They posted a 12-25 record but were 5-0 in the conference and were one match away from winning the conference championship. The game was a tremendous battle that went all the way to the fifth match with Lasell falling a bit short. The team MVP was senior middle hitter, Janet Jennings. Along with Tanya Barbosa and Wendy Riddle, they made up the members of the all conference team. Jennings and Barbosa were also named to the NAC tourney team. To round up the awards was Wendy Riddle, who after a tremendous season was named Rookie of the Year. The team is looking forward to the addition of four new teams to the NAC Conference and a big payback to Mt. Ida. To wrap up the fall sports is the cross country team; the team captains were James Martin and Mark Henry. The team had a solid season and showed improvement across the board from all runners. They made a strong showing at the ECAC meet, with the women placing 29th and the men 36th. Both fields had over 50 teams. In the NCAA regional meet, the men finished 35th out of 43 and the women were 37th out of 51 overall. Look for the team to have future success as only seniors Betsy Chominski, Lori Mabre, Daniel Hogan, and Matt Staley will be graduating.

## Players of The Season'

By Keith Tower

### Men's Fall Athlete of the Season Ronny Salmeron

For the first-ever "Male Player of the Season" it would have been difficult to choose anyone except soccer captain Ronny Salmeron. Ask around campus about Ronny and you will see that not only does he excel on the soccer field but also in the classroom. Coach Pacini says it best, "Ronny is a fine young man and a great student athlete!" This is the basic feelings of anyone that knows Ronny. Coach Pacini also had to say that, "Ronny is a great ambassador for Lasell College."

Ronny led his team to Lasell's first-ever North Atlantic Conference Championship in an amazing five years of having men's soccer. He was chosen a Co-Player of the conference for this season as a junior. Coach Pacini called Ronny the team's, "most skillful player" (out of many I might add). Ronny has the skill to be a take control type player on the field. Because of this talent, most teams key in on him during the game. Since he has that ability on the field he allows for teammates to get open and make some big plays. On the season he had 5 goals and 9 assists. Ronny had this to say about the season and himself, "soccer is a team sport, and without my teammates we would not have accomplished what we were able to do this year." This attitude is what makes Ronny so successful on and off the field.


Thankfully this wasn't Ronny's last year; we still have one more year for him to lead us to hopefully another NAC Championship. At this time I would like to congratulate Ronny and the entire men's soccer team on behalf of the school for all of their accomplishments over the past season. Good Job Fellas.

### Women's Fall Athlete of the Season Merina Andersen

Rarely in collegiate athletics is a freshmen so admired by the coach for their play, but Merina Andersen is one of those type athletes. A freshmen striker from New Marlborough High School in western Massachusetts, stepped up this year to become a starter for the Lasers. Coach Glidden had multiple things to say about her outstanding contributions to the team on and off the field. She earned a spot on the North Atlantic All-Conference team and also won Lasell Rookie-of-the-Year for her team. With Merina's help, the Lasers made it into the finals but unfortunately lost to rival Mount Ida in a close game.

Coach Glidden puts it best when speaking about his freshman striker. "Her love and passion for the game is matched only by her unpretentious personality." After attending every home game for the women, I can personally attest. She is a scorer with great finishing skills. Coach Glidden had this to say about her field presence. "She's a very unselfish team player with concern for others (which turns into many assists to teammates), with a prolific knack for finishing and breakaways." On the season Merina had 22 goals with 9 assists while taking an amazing 59 shots on net. Those are impressive stats for any player, especially a freshman.

Coach Glidden speaks about Merina's best attribute; "her ability to inspire the rest of her team and to raise their level of play and work ethic is what makes her so special." There are a lot of other players out there that can score a bunch of goals or give many assists but there aren't many that can do both of those while having a positive impact on the whole team. All of these qualities together are why Merina Andersen was chosen for Player of the Season. We all look forward to watching her and the rest of the women next season.

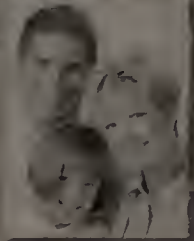


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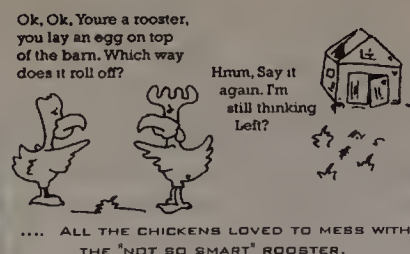


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For the first issue of "1851," I wrote a piece on student involvement, encouraging all students to get more out of their college life experience by pursuing new interests and opportunities. The following "class lesson" told to me recently, drives home this point from another perspective.

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, about 2 inches in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the Jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He then asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous -- yes.

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and proceeded to pour their entire contents into the jar -- effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. "Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The rocks are the important things -- your family, your partner, your health, and your friends -- things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, our life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, and your car. The sand is everything else -- the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. Spend time with your friends. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal. "Take care of the rocks first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers!"

I wanted to be true to the tale, so I did not substitute "water" for "beer" - it would also have ruined the punch line. This is, of course, not an invitation to imbibe (unless you are 21 and then only in moderation).

## Students and Faculty Discuss the WAR WITH IRAQ

By Megan Ryan

As the New Year begins, many people around the world are worrying about what military actions will shape the direction of their lives in the near future. In January, talk of war was beginning to rise fiercely as everyone, whether for or against the war, waited to hear the latest plans of President Bush. With many people anticipating the news of decisions and dates, January seemed to pass in the blink of an eye for all. The month of February was consumed with anti-war rallies on the designated day of Saturday, February 15, 2003. All around the globe millions of people marched together to show their opposition for the war. Thousands of groups have come together and created a website to encourage people to get involved with their numerous programs. For more information, or if you would like to get involved, log onto <http://www.unitedforpeace.org/>.

When talking with my brother, Lieutenant Dan Ryan, I was able to gather an idea of the general mentality bestowed in the troops that are being sent over to fight in this controversial war. My brother is a fighter jet pilot for the U.S. Navy, and has been flying F-18's for over five years. Right before Dan left for a six-month mission to Saudi Arabia back in February, he expressed nothing but confidence in his co-workers and the decisions being made by the United States. From a military standpoint, the United States has been in a deadlock with Saddam Hussein for 12 years, spending billions of dollars to maintain a military presence in the areas surrounding Iraq, with the hope of completing the mission which started in 1991 during Desert Storm. Dan feels there is still a chance this issue could be solved peacefully, but it is just going to take time. The military is on a normal rotation, meaning that the troops have been planning on going no matter if our country was on the brink of war or not. My brother said that his untimely orders of being sent over to Saudi Arabia are just coincidence. While there, Dan will be doing some planning and staff work, making this the first time he is not going to be flying. He will be working for generals and admirals, planning missions for the younger pilots so they don't interfere with the no-fly zones in effect as a



Lieutenant Dan Ryan  
U.S. Navy

result of Desert Storm. Dan explained that the military is always prepared and ready for anything to happen and, "If something else goes down with the weapons inspectors while I'm over there, then I'll be planning those missions, too."

Many schools and higher education institutions around the U.S. have been getting involved in this issue. Lasell has provided many opportunities for our community to get informed and involved. Tessa LeRoux, Director of the Donahue Institute, conducted a poll amongst students and faculty here at Lasell, on February 5. Out of eighty-eight students and twelve faculty and staff members, twenty-one said that we should go to war, whereas fifty-eight said we should not go to war. The forum for community discussion about the war with Iraq on March 4th was also an informative gathering, which allowed the Lasell community to ask questions and receive answers from four faculty members on the panel. The panel included Dean Doran, Professors Joe Aieta, Timothy O'Brien, and Sidney Trantham. The discussion covered a variety of topics ranging from the common views about the United States through-

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## Lasell Design Team Outfits GODSMACK

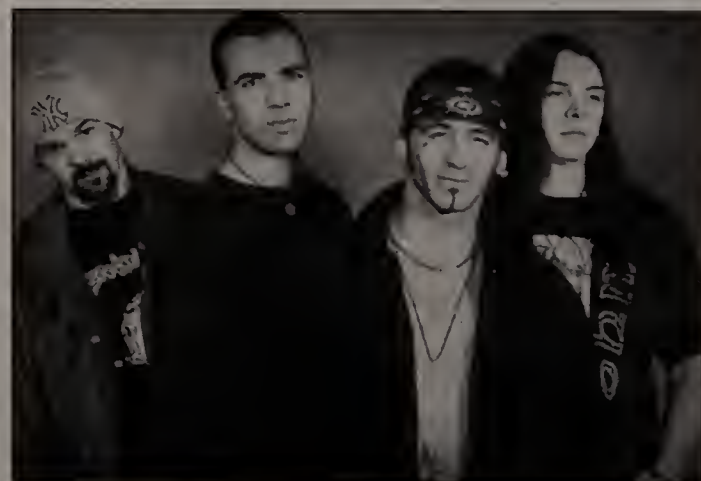
By Darcy Frye

The project was a success! The Lasell Design team successfully designed and executed four pairs of leather pants for the Grammy nominated band Godsmack.

The singer Sully Erna's pants were black leather with vintage 1950s flares coming up the side of the leg. Tony Rambola the guitarist, wore the classic black leather with an ank design on the knee and Robbie Merrill, the bassist, has brown leather pants with a twisted seam cut on the side. It has a lace up front and a watch pocket.

Shannon Larkin, the drummer, had black leather pants with 10 sections of green leather flaring out on the calf. Up the side, 3 Godsmack logos were positioned in oxblood color.

Sully was quoted by Professor Morris as saying they were the best fitting pants of his life. He also wore them to a guitar magazine shoot for his cover photo. His shirt design will be a green dickie style leather top to match his



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pants.

The garments were designed and to be worn for their newest MTV video and also on MAD tv. They are also kicking off their world tour soon, where they will be adorning yet another project from the Lasell Design team, this time hopefully with more students getting their hands into the project. This next project will be again in leather but will be matching

shirts for the pants, along with altering the garments. "We hope to get to the point where they will call us on tour and we can whip something up for them", said design team member Joan Morris.

Any students hoping to get involved with the production of Godsmack's wardrobe, can contact Joan Morris at [JMorris@lasell.edu](mailto:JMorris@lasell.edu).



## May 6th Torchlight Parade and Senior Soiree

At the Torchlight Parade graduating seniors dress in their class color (which this year is purple) and march with their class through the campus. The graduating students carry torches. At the Crow's Nest (which is located on the corner of Grove Street and Woodland Road) students from the graduating class address the student body. The torches are then passed from the graduates to the undergraduates. In passing the torch, the graduating students pass along the knowledge, experience and confidence of their experiences to an undergraduate student. These gifts will enrich the undergraduates in his/her future life at Lasell. By accepting the torch, the undergraduate is also ensuring that the graduating student's spirit lives on at Lasell.

This year's tradition will take place on Tuesday, May 6th. All classes are encouraged to celebrate with the graduating seniors. Line-up will begin at the **CENTRAL PARKING LOT @7:45pm on Tuesday, May 6h.**

The **CLASS OF 2003** would like to formally invite the Faculty and Staff of Lasell College to join us in celebrating our time together. The Senior Soiree will take place in the 1851, outside of Valentine Dining Hall, immediately following the torchlight parade (**9:00 pm**).

## April 22 - April 26 Annual Connected Learning Symposium

The Annual Connected Learning Symposium, will be held April 22 - April 26. The Symposium, which was launched in Spring 2002, is a weeklong series of presentations, displays, workshops, and roundtables involving both traditional Lasell and Lasell Village students, all centered around academically based work.

The Symposium was instituted as a celebration of the accomplishments of our students in a connected learning environment, where students complete actual projects as part of their coursework. The Symposium helps facilitate student awareness of the relevance of their work beyond the walls of the classroom in keeping with our definition of connected learning and its centrality to a Lasell education. We want to expand this symposium to include presentations by alumni on their "careers-in-progress" and post-graduation "connected learning activity" in order to emphasize our commitment to life-long, proactive learning. (Submitted by Jim Ostrow)

## Curriculum Committee Drops Math/Science Major By Jaclyn Wong

Many students at Lasell are always curious about "what they should expect" when it comes to academics. As Chair of the Curriculum Committee, Bill Nowlan plays an important figure because it is he who organizes the meetings and discusses what improvements need to be made while considering both the faculty and students' viewpoint.

According to Mr. Nowlan, the Math/Science major will be dropped because Lasell feels that it does not have enough courses for the students who are in this major. Therefore, any student who is currently in this major will be allowed to finish their degree, but incoming students will not have this option as a field of study.

Still hoping to improve the curriculum, there will be many new courses offered during the fall semester of 2003. There will be a new service-learning course that acts as a one-credit attach-

## Faculty Spotlight Bath Relates with Students By Cassandra Maurissaint

Professor Bath is one of the most talked about faculty members on this campus. I've heard students rave about him whether the topic concerns the Fashion Institute or the Newspaper. So, just out of curiosity I asked one of his students, Solace Hummel, what it is about Professor Bath that makes him stand apart from other Professors? She had this to say: "Professor Bath is one of the few teachers who actually 'relates' to his students. He respects his students and does so by relating to us on an adult-level. He gives us the facts not through textbooks, but through real-life experiences. How can you not admire a teacher like that?"

Professor Bath attended college at the Polytechnic of Central London, which is now called Westminster University. He graduated with a degree in Marketing and Advertising. While teaching full time at Lasell, Professor Bath enrolled in the Master's Program at Cambridge College and graduated in May 1990.

Before he became a Professor, he worked for the Boston Parks and Recreation Department as a Director of Sports. He later left Boston and went to work in retail. He became part of a management team for several large national retail companies. After many years in business, Professor Bath decided to pursue a career in education. He worked at The Chamberlayne School of Retailing. He was also hired at Burdett College to start a Merchandising Degree Program. In 1998 he applied for the position of Program Director here at Lasell College and has been here ever since.

When asked why he decided to become a professor, he said, "I have always felt that one of my assets was my ability to communicate." When he decided to switch careers it was a tough decision for him because he was leaving a job that provided a greater amount of income and would be starting a new career that did not pay well in the beginning. He had the support of his family and it was the best decision he could have made. What he enjoys most about teaching is the discussions he has with students and the help they seek in order to clarify their curiosity. He says that, "Education to me is the most vital part of our growth process. We as individuals must be able to communicate and have meaningful, thought-provoking dialogues and this comes through as a by-product of education and the role that teachers play in helping to shape our future." Professor Bath tries to teach his students about the ethics of life, community involvement, moral behavior, self-respect and self-awareness of their limitations.

As many of you know, Professor Bath is an Associate Professor at the Fashion Institute. The Fashion Institute has had many accomplishments over the years. For the last 15 years the program has helped raise over \$150,000 for area charities and \$69,000 for the Wretham State School for Mentally Handicapped Children. The Fashion Institute is proud to say that for 11 straight years they have had 100% job placement, and about 50 of the Fashion Institutes graduates have gone on to complete their

ment. Students may attach this to any course that is offered at Lasell and the professor will arrange the service-learning component ahead of time. Students are only allowed to enroll in this course once a semester, for a maximum of three semesters during their time at Lasell. The best part about this is that students will not be charged for this extra one-credit course!

In addition, three new general science electives will be offered. For example, Human Origins (ANTH/BIO 103) will count as both an anthropology and biology elective. Also, Special Topics in Anthropology (ANTH312), an anthropology elective, will be a new course offered that discusses various topics each semester that it is offered. Finally, Psycho Cinema and Film (PSYCH211), which is offered for the first time this semester, will become permanent and placed in the catalog.

There has also been an approval of choice in biology requirements for Social Science majors. This means that students in this field are able to choose among certain biology courses instead of being required to take one specific biology course.



Master's Degree. Professor Bath is currently working on a five-year plan that will include an expansion in the Graphics Design department to include animation, and the potential development of the Lasell press where the Graphics Department will create, design and print all materials for the college. The Fashion Institute is also preparing to create a small off campus manufacturing site that will allow them to do small jobs, such as what the department did for the rock group Godsmack.

Many of you may think that Professor Bath's interests outside of Lasell are fashion or business related, but they are not. His interests are in politics and community service. Professor Bath is a Democratic Political Consultant and Analyst. He has run for and worked on many political campaigns over the years. He has a love for politics and everything that comes with it. He enjoys the strategies that are involved in politics and the outcomes that come as a result of hard work. However, his first love will always be his wife and children. His hobbies include baseball, football, theatre, music, and history.

One piece of knowledge Professor Bath would like his students to leave Lasell with is "a sense of where they came from." He says, "I would like my students to be reasonable people who leave college with the knowledge that they can make a difference. I want them to become heroes. I want them to make their point in an honest, ethical and forthright way. I want them to feel good about themselves and experience life and be tolerant of other lifestyles and customs."

One final note concerning Professor Bath is the tremendous support he has given the 1851. Professor Bath believes that it wasn't right for this institution not to have a newspaper. Managing Editor, Brian Frail had this to say about Professor Bath, "Mr. Bath is a vital part of the support system that the 1851 has here at Lasell. It's obvious that he cares about the students and has their interests in the forefront of his mind. I sought his advice on advertisements, on the recommendation of Mr. Potts. He gave me that, and much more. He stressed the importance of our newspaper being completely student run. He also noted that students should have the final say in what is printed in each edition. I know that we can count on him. The students of the 1851 certainly do."

As members of the Curriculum Committee continue to do their best, students should definitely take advantage of the new courses that will be offered as they pre-register for classes in early April. There will be more courses proposed in the near future, so make sure you view all your options before making that final decision!



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Honors Students Chosen To Be Part of Conference in Gettysburg

By Allison Privitera

Four Honors students in the fashion program are going to the Northeast National Collegiate Honors Council spring conference from March 27 to 30, 2003, in Gettysburg, P.A. Students Carla Mercurio, Melissa Pane, Maura McCarthy, and Caitlin Zmayefski will be traveling along with Professor Jill Carey and Professor/Dean Bloom, where they will be presenting their work with the Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries Costume Collection to other Honors students from schools in the northeast.

These students have been working on establishing a site in Yamawaki to properly display the collection of approximately 500 pieces. The theme for the conference is "Civil War in Art and Literature", and their presentation will demonstrate significance to that time period, as well as how working hands-on can enhance the studies of Honors students at Lasell.

While the students will also be observing presentations from other schools, the costume collection presentation is distinctive in the conference and is expected to make an excellent impression. Tours of battlefields and local museums are also part of the convention.

This trip "will be good for our Honors Program and for Lasell to have this affiliation and gain this kind of exposure, which will lead to greater name recognition and prestige," said Dean Bloom. Furthermore, Lasell will also have a chance to learn from other Honors Programs and implement new ideas into the existing program. This trip would not have been possible without generous donations from the Trustees Pricilla Glidden and Sally Andrews, and Overseer Robin Parry.

Lasell and CES Students; Together But Separate

By Miriam Mora Fuentes

Within the Lasell community there are many different people from around the world. Unfortunately here it is uncommon to find these groups of people together. Why if we live so close, are we so separated? Lasell and CES students would be less segregated if we take the time to overcome the language barrier, make an effort to understand different cultures, and find opportunities to be together.

All of us know we have some difficulties to make and keep a good relationship between Lasell and CES students. Sometimes for us, CES students, it is hard to express our ideas and feelings. Other times, we don't understand what Lasell students are trying to say. At that point, some people try to help the international students with their language by speaking slower or using an easier way to explain themselves. Others don't have so much patience or they don't care so much about other people and they keep talking as if they were speaking with their friends. Some people are so shy that they don't even find the confidence to try. Another difficulty is the different cultures you can find around the Campus. Some people find this to be an obstacle because they think it is not possible to be with someone so different from them or it is really hard to understand different ways of thinking, living, beliefs, etc.). However, think about all of the new points of view you can get and all the different things you can learn about it.

Moreover, as we all can see, we don't have so many opportunities to be together. We only have the cafeteria, the gym and the library, three places where people are worried about their own business (studying, working out or having a meal). We don't do so many things together; each group has its own area, schedule, and events. I don't know if we should talk about disinterest or fear, about anxiety about knowing or necessity, or whether it is about scarcity of opportunities or being conformist, or simply that we are doing nothing for it.

Sometimes I think we don't appreciate the opportunity we have in front of us; the opportunity of learning about other people, cultures and ways of thinking. Most people close their lives and for them

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Students and Faculty Discuss the War with Iraq

out the world to whether or not this is a war to protect the American people's right to drive gas guzzling SUV's.

Throughout the panel discussion, Professor Aieta stressed that a Democracy is not a possibility for Iraq and a different form of government needs to be looked into. Since the U.S. is such an influential superpower for other countries in the world, it poses a threat to the entire human race when it decides to use the method of war to obtain something it wants, which in this case is crude oil. The question of whether or not the U.S. needs to import oil also came up during the discussion. Professor O'Brien shared with the audience that the U.S. imports 50% of its oil, and half of that comes from the Middle East. The United States does have its own oil reserves, but it would take too long and be too expensive for the U.S. economy to become totally self sufficient in this regard.

Still the question that is bothering many people is what Iraq did to the United States to give just cause for the U.S to propose a forceful attack. Many people see the events of 9/11 as a reason to take actions in a war against terrorism, however these anxious ideas are not being clearly thought out and supported, especially when it comes to Iraqi involvement.

The generation of students here at Lasell is among an upcoming generation that has decreased voting statistics. Many people are overlooking the alternative ways of getting involved besides rallies and drastic marches. By contacting state representatives, people are practicing the freedom of voicing opinions and being heard in a civil manner by a government official.

In an interview with Professor Sidney

Trantham, his views on the war with Iraq seemed strong and agreeable by many Americans. Professor Trantham was able to attend the anti-war rally in New York City on February 15 and explained his eyewitness experiences that the media failed to mention. Although Professor Trantham is not a supporter of war, his major concern is the issue of civil liberties that the U.S. Government seems to be overlooking. He feels as though many groups have been stereotyped and targeted as a result of 9/11. The people Professor Trantham saw at the rally in New York City were very diverse. He said he was standing among hippies, women in fur coats that appeared to come straight from Fifth Avenue, children and elders, and a wide variety of ethnic groups. This scene is a heart-felt display of how a large group of such diversity can come together to express just how deeply the talk of war is affecting everyone. The rally showed Professor Trantham how everyone came together to demonstrate the freedom that America was founded on, yet at the same time that freedom was being squashed by police actions to control the anxious crowd.

Many students on our campus may not have taken into consideration how deeply this war will affect them personally. Having a brother that is serving in the United States Navy and being among peers that are greatly opposed to the war has already caused me personal confusion on how I should view the war with Iraq. If anyone would like to share their views about the war with Iraq, please write to the 1851 at lasellnews@lasell.edu so that the entire community of Lasell can have a better understanding of how other members feel during this troubling time for all of us.

the small community they are living in is enough, even though most of them are not even involved in it.

I only have the point of view of one of the sides and I think it is the most frustrating, because CES students come to the United States with the goal ( or excuse ) of learning English; we come to Boston attracted by the idea of meeting a lot of American students and learning about the American culture. But in the end we are living far away from the places where we could find a little bit of life and the community where we are living in is not only small, but it is so closed.

But if we want to talk about relationship between Lasell and CES students we should not make a generalization, we should not talk about American and international students or about they or we. We must talk about each person, about you and me, about interests and mentalities. I hope these few words help us to watch what is around us, take a stand and open these closed frontiers.

The 1851 Meets Village Member Ruth Cobb

By Brian Frail

Lasell Village offers a wonderful experience thanks to its residents. I went to Paula Panchuck, Dean of Lasell Village, to find a story that might be of interest to the readers of the 1851. Immediately, the name Ruth Cobb jumped into her mind, and an interview was set up. Indeed, Ruth Cobb is remarkable; though, not only for her artwork (which is on display at Brandeis University through the 15th of April), but also for her genuine kindness and pleasant manner. We spoke for nearly two hours. She told me stories from her life and gave me insight into her artwork. I answered questions about my own life once she had inquired. It seemed as though we were interviewing each other. It was more than that, though, as this meeting had become a conversation, a personal conversation involving two people that had come from dramatically different worlds. We were from two different generations. We had different lifestyles and still spoke as if we were old friends. I almost didn't write about this encounter, as I was unsure of what direction I would go when writing this article. I then read an article, which can be found here in the 1851, written by Miriam Mora Fuentes, a CES student here at Lasell College. I haven't had the pleasure to meet

this student, but her words about the distant and non-existent relationship between most Lasell College students and the students of CES was quite familiar. It is the same relationship most students have with the residents of the Village. I urge the readers of this page to take advantage of this unexplored world on our campus. This community is not complete without the residents of Lasell Village.

INDIA: the World's Largest Democracy

By Alejandro Rojas

This article was written with the assistance of Professor Malini Pillai in order to introduce an international section to 1851.

Facts About India:

- India is the fourth largest economy of the world.
- India has the third largest army in the world.
- India is the first in the world in the production of textiles and spices.
- India has the third largest railway and road network of the world.
- India has the largest postal network of the world.
- India invented the Number System. Aryabhatta invented zero. The place value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100 BC.
- Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans.
- Algebra, trigonometry and calculus came from India.
- In the 1960's Maharishi Maheshyogi introduced and popularized the benefits of

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INDIA; the World's Largest Democracy

yoga, transcendental meditation and vegetarianism.

- *Hindus in India consider the cow sacred because they are the providers of milk and other dairy products, which are necessary and staple to existence.*

"The more time you spend in India the more you realize that this teeming, multiethnic, multireligious, multilingual country is one of the world's great wonders -a miracle with message. And the message is that democracy matters." (By Thomas L. Friedman the New York times 20002/08/14). It is presently led by Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and President Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. India is considered a great wonder since ancient times, not only for their magnificent contribution to the world, but also for having unique characteristics that no other country has.

India is a democracy but more than that, it is a secular democracy, and this maintains a certain level of aspiration and hope for Muslims. India has the largest Muslim minority in the world, with a population of 150 million. The constitutional framework in India enables the Indian Muslim minority to ask for economic and political justice without resorting to acts of violence. India is the only place in the Muslim world where women felt empowered enough to demand equal prayer rights in a mosque in the City of Hyderabad.

Importance of India's Technology

Bangalore has been positioned as the information technology capital of India. Indian Institute of Technologies (IIT's) is India's powerhouse of knowledge and one of the most important universities in the world for technology. Fifty years ago, the first IIT campus was established in Kharagpur, and subsequently four other campuses were founded. IIT celebrated its 50th anniversary on January 17th in Cupertino, California, which Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates attended. He mentioned the " Indian Institute of Technology is an incredible institution."

- *India is the sixth country to launch a geostationary satellite in the world.*

- *India has the fifth largest number of Internet users in the world.*



Nana Flo and Her Final Days at Lasell House

By Brian Frail

Lasell House is the rehabilitation center located within Lasell Village - the retirement community here on our campus. It has both short-term and long-term care. It offers physical, occupational, speech, and respiratory therapy. There are activities to enhance and maintain lifetime interests. The rehabilitation services include orthopedic rehabilitation, stroke recovery, post surgical care, cardiac care, IV therapy, parenteral nutrition, wound care, pain management, general strengthening after injury or illness, respite care, and hospice care. Yet it is the people themselves - the nurses, social workers, dietitians, and pharmacists - that make this place so unique.

My grandmother, Florence Grella, had the good fortune to experience their care firsthand. She had been bed-ridden for more than two years, either at home, or in one of the many hospitals she checked into before she came to Lasell House in January of this year. She wasn't a resident of Lasell Village. She was just one of the lucky few that came from the outside of this community.

Nana, as I knew her, found a home here. I spent many days with her during this time. I would bring a book to read while she slept through most of my visits. She would awaken and look at me with a smile. She would say something pleasant and usually go back to sleep. Nana was all love and care underneath her harsh front.

A most unique character, she was. She was the central figure of her own world. Her presence was felt whether you wanted it or not. She was always completely honest with others. She once described a woman as having a wonderful personality but that this person was "ugly as a bucket of shit." She swore a lot. Sunday morning in her home meant bacon and bread for my brothers, cousins, aunts, uncles, parents, and friends. It was here, for several years, that we would discuss our lives and other events. She would always have an opinion that went against the grain. If she was not able to get a word in, she would turn to the wall and talk until she had our attention. That was a typical Sunday morning. She gave to countless charities and was an active member of her church. In her neighborhood, right here in Newton, she was well respected. Other families considered her to be family. She lived in a section of Newton called the Lake, where

everyone is family, including "the family". She held this close neighborhood together. She was sharp mentally. A master of manipulation. There wasn't a person in need that she would turn away. Her home was always full with people. You could always expect to hear the unexpected from her. Exceptional things occurred when she was involved.

One great moment came during her stay at Lasell House. My mother and I were there for a visit. Soon my aunt arrived to relieve my mother. Nana went to sleep and my aunt and I sat quietly, watching television. Nana broke the silence. She called to my aunt. "Betty-Anna," she said, "I wasn't fair with you." My aunt was by her side listening. "I haven't told you..." A pause and my thoughts were that she was going to say the words that hardly ever left her lips. I was ready for that sentimental moment when she would tell my aunt that she loved her. My aunt stood in silence. The pause came to an end. "I haven't told you...how sore my ass is." She had just spent the afternoon telling my mother and me of this most unfortunate situation. She felt the need to tell my aunt as well. It wasn't intended to be funny. It certainly was though. This was her kind of moment.

My grandmother died on Wednesday, January 22nd. Nana couldn't have planned the day better. Only two days before, my family was informed that she had only a few days to live. She was on morphine at this time and unconscious. We knew it was her time. Family members came out of the woodwork. Many hadn't seen her in months. The room was full all day with conversation. A celebration of her life took place. Tears flowing at times. Laughter most of the time. It was as if Nana wanted to bring us together to remind us of the importance of family. Nana had accepted her fate on her terms. My grandmother died a short time after most of the family had left.

I cannot thank the people at Lasell House enough. They made my grandmother's last days better than they had been in some time. She was comfortable, well cared for, peaceful, and able to leave this world confident that her family was strong as ever. They helped make this possible. My grandmother deserved the best and she got it. I am most grateful of all those who give life to Lasell House.

India's Community in the United Sates

More than 30 percent of all physicians in the U.S. are of Indian origin while Indians have the highest per capita income of any ethnic group in the United States, according to US census figures. And they are among the most highly educated.

Quote on India:

Albert Einstein: "We owe a lot to the Indians, who taught us how to count, without which no worthwhile scientific discovery could have been made."

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Editor's Message  
By David McInnis

The 1851 has developed a great deal since it was established in September of 2002. This past school year the diverse team worked incredibly hard to lay the groundwork for future students seeking to be involved in journalism. As we realized the strength that comes with our ability to ask a question we also realized the responsibility that we have to our classmates. It is the goal of the 1851 to act as the students' biggest advocate. After our first publication many students came to us with campus issues and we investigated. One of the more serious issues is the Student Affairs difficulty in establishing a Community/Judicial Board.

"The Lasell College Judicial System is comprised of Administrative Hearing Officers and two levels of hearing committees, the Community Board and the Judicial Board. The Dean of Student Affairs and the Judicial Coordinator are responsible for the oversight of the system." The previous excerpt is from the Student Handbook (2002-2003). Upon the students' request I personally investigated the current system. On March 7th I met with Dianna Crescitelli the Director of Residential Life/Judicial Coordinator, to discuss Residential Life's difficulty in creating a Community/Judicial Board.

At the beginning of the interview Ms. Crescitelli described the events that would lead up to a board hearing. First the office receives an incident report, (reports usually come from Campus Police, RDs, RAs, and students); the office then reviews the report and writes letters to the involved members that are allegedly in violation of school policy. These students then have seven days to set up a hearing. The hearing is held and a sanction is sent to the student if found to be in violation, within ten business days.

These sanctions can be in the form of a reprimand, warning, educational sanctions, community probation, fines, restitution, relocation of housing, suspension, and dismissal. Due to the severity of some of these sanctions the school feels that students should have the right to a hearing by their peers. Ms. Crescitelli also added, "Students can learn a lot from each other."

I then asked Ms. Crescitelli,

"Why the board is not active?" She said, "We got a grand total of five students that applied. Three were not eligible because of their RA status. Three were needed for the board." I then asked, "What steps were taken to find more students?" and Ms. Crescitelli replied, "At some point it becomes more important that the cases are held in a timely manner. The board makes things go a little bit slower."

My focus then turned to some statistics that I had requested before the interview and received upon my arrival. Below is the document that I was given. It states that 64 students were involved in judicial hearings last semester. I asked Ms. Crescitelli, "Out of these 64 students how many requested a Board hearing?" She answered, "Zero."

Next I asked, "Were these 64 students told about their right to a hear-

ing by their peers?" Crescitelli replied, "I don't know what students were told from hearing to hearing." Then she went on to say that she felt "It is the students' responsibility to know their rights through reading the Student Handbook." The Student Handbook states on page 121, "During a meeting between the administrative hearing officer and the student, the student will be fully informed about the complaint and the judicial process (including the options of having the case resolved administratively or by a hearing committee)."

To end the interview I asked Ms. Crescitelli, "Did you feel that not having a running Board affected due process?" She stated, "I don't think that it affected due process."

Diane Austin, the Dean of Student Affairs expressed that there is no point in informing students of the option of having a case held by a com-

mittee when it is not established and that the handbook states this under Special Circumstances that during these times the cases will be held administratively. It reads "From the end of classes in the spring semester until the early part of the fall semester, the Boards are not in operation. During these times, or at other times when the Boards are unable to converse, cases may be heard administratively (Student Handbook page 125)."

These Boards are made up of Students, Administrative Hearing Officers, and Faculty members. "The Faculty members of the Board are appointed through the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs (Student Handbook)." On my way out of my interview with Mrs. Crescitelli I ran into Professor Frederics. I asked him what he knew about a Judicial Board and he said, "I didn't know we had one." After speaking with Professor Frederics I went to Jim Ostrow, the Vice President of Academic Affairs. I asked, "Did Dean Austin or anyone appointed by her ever come to you before the academic year to discuss faculty members that might be good for the Judicial Board?" Mr. Ostrow said, "The office sent emails to faculty members directly." Next I asked if he had heard any recent discussion on organizing the board. He replied, "Not recently."

The Office of Student Affairs feels this issue is due to lack of student motivation. I do not believe that there are fewer than three students willing to experience being part of a Judicial Board. The issue here is Student Affairs, lack of motivation to act in the best interest of the student body. Acting as a student advocate the 1851 will continue to investigate this issue. The Office of Student Affairs has given the 1851 a copy of an old application for students searching to review this document. For students looking to be part of the Community/Judicial Board, Student Affairs again plans to have applications at their office on the 3rd floor of Edwards Student Center. For others that are interested in discussing possible changes in the current system or process please feel free to send letters to the editor at:

**Lasellnews@lasell.edu**

**Lasell College Office of Student Affairs  
Judicial Summary  
Fall 2002**

**64 students were involved in judicial hearings during the fall semester**

**When sanctions were imposed they fell into the following categories:**

Judicial Warning	Community Probation	Judicial Probation
18	15	17

Letters to parents	Educational Sanctions	Alcohol Education
11	6	7

Loss of Housing Privileges
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**The total amount of fines levied to students for the fall semester was just over \$3500. There were 32 students who were assessed a fine.**

**There were 31 students sanctioned for alcohol-related violations.**

**There were 6 students found responsible for violations involving drug other than alcohol.**

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**One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Treasure**  
By Aida Mejia

They say, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." If you've never heard that before keep it in mind the next time you're throwing away a soda can. Sure we all know they are recyclable, but what many people don't know is that Lasell has had an ongoing can drive since last spring. LeeAnn Tkacz, a sopho-

more from Windsor, Connecticut, started this project last year when she felt the personal need to make use of her spare time and help others. The can drive functions with the help of the students at the Center for Community Based Learning. Along with LeeAnn, they collect and return cans for money at local grocery stores such as Stop & Shop and Star Market. The idea for the can drive arose when LeeAnn noticed that students were throwing away five cents each time they would throw a can into the garbage. LeeAnn went with her idea to Molly DeStafney. After getting some approvals and obtaining boxes for the cans, LeeAnn's thoughtful idea became a successful reality. Although LeeAnn did have the initial idea she makes clear that, "It's not my project! It's the entire Lasell community contributing. It would be my project if I was the only one doing the work." And that is certainly not the case according to LeeAnn. In fact she credits Molly for all her support and guidance throughout the entire process. The purpose of this project is not only to raise money, but also to educate the community about the immense number of homeless people in the Boston area. "Many homeless people are women and children escaping domestic abuse and sometimes many people don't realize that," states LeeAnn. That is exactly why all the

money raised is donated to Shelter Inc.-a homeless shelter in Boston. LeeAnn feels it is essential that people know that, "Most people who are homeless would choose not to be, if they could."

Being able to see the results of everyone's hard work and effort is more than enough motivation for this group of students to keep the project going. So intense is the devotion to this project that a few times a year, LeeAnn and some friends take a day trip to Maine in order to cash the bottles and cans that are only received there, such as Poland Spring bottles and Brisk Iced Tea cans. As a message to the Lasell community, LeeAnn emphasizes the importance to "Get involved and save your cans and bottles- both plastic and glass!" Don't think that donating cans is the only way to contribute to the drive! Students can help out by placing boxes in their rooms and dorms. But, "most importantly," says LeeAnn, "students can help out by spreading the word and letting people know that the Lasell Can Drive exists. If you're interested in helping out, you may contact LeeAnn at [ltkacz@lasell.edu](mailto:ltkacz@lasell.edu)

So the next time you've finished gulping down a soda, remember how easily a small gesture on your part can make a difference and improve the quality of life for someone else.



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Board's Spring Events

APRIL

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9th - BINGO!  
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26th - Carnival  
3pm-7pm, Taylor Field

28th - Karaoke in the café  
11:30-2pm, Cafeteria

29th - Comedy Night  
8pm, deWitt Hall

30th - Laser Tag  
7pm-11pm, Grellier Field

MAY

1st - Lasell's Drag Show  
8pm, deWitt Hall

2nd - Mardi Gras Spring Ball  
8pm, Hilton Back Bay  
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Other Campus Events

April 8th  
SGA Elections

April 10th  
Student Affairs Awards Banquet

May 13-16  
Senior Week/Montreal

Why Me?

Most Embarrassing Moments

By Meg Ryan

Tina Oratokai, Freshman-

"When I was first moving into my dorm room in Woodland, I had so much stuff to carry in with only my aunt to help. I had just pulled my car up and was busy unloading an over-stuffed box. There were new students and parents everywhere, and I jumped right in to join the frantic atmosphere. The first box I was carrying had a container full of condoms on top, which fell to the ground when I was walking towards the door. The container spilled open and condoms went flying everywhere. The once frantic atmosphere came to a screeching halt, as everyone turned to stare. Everyone was speechless, especially me. A bunch of parents came running over to me, with sympathy driving them to help clean up my mess. I was so mortified and didn't know if I should thank everyone for the help or jump right back into my car and tear out of Newton, driving myself to a new school. The worst part was that this was the first box I was unloading and had to make several trips back to my car, facing everyone again numerous times."

John Steele, Sophomore-

"Last year, I was sitting with about 12 of my friends and I was the only one with a tray so they all piled their dishes onto my tray. I went up to put the overloaded tray away and tragedy struck. Dishes started falling everywhere and I made a big scene. The whole cafeteria started laughing at me. Being a freshman, the experience seemed like the end of the world at the time!"

Risa Miller

WELCOME TO HEAVENLY HEIGHTS

A Book Worth Reading

By David McInnis

On February 20th in the Lasell Village Ballroom Risa Miller read from her new book "Welcome To Heavenly Heights." After hearing several faculty members speak about the excellent writing in this novel I went to ask what advice Ms. Miller would have for young writers searching for their own style. Ms. Miller said that you should "write with company and to have at least one writing buddy to find reality." She also added that you should search to "mature with your ability to take criticism" and to "get a day job."

President de Witt asked Ms. Miller, "how long did it take to write the book?" Miller replied, "At least ten years. I had to learn a lot about myself and find how to use my imagination." Lasell Village resident Zelda David agreed by saying, "Creativity is not clear cut." President de Witt then asked if men and women write differently. Ms Miller said that there are differences.

In an effort to bring this book to students' attention I asked Mimi Reddicliffe, Chair of the Humanities Department and Ro Frolick, Director of the Learning Center to give their thoughts on the book. Ms. Reddicliffe thought it was a "beautifully written book" and a "wonderful picture of characters

within a community" and that the "community was placed within an exquisitely drawn landscape."

Ro Frolick submitted this review:  
"I was very excited to read Risa Miller's book, "Welcome to Heavenly Heights." Since I had many opportunities to discuss the book with Risa , from the beginning of the writing process to the end, I read the finished novel with much anticipation.  
This story is an insightful view of a group of American families who pulls up their roots and emigrate to Israel. What I particularly enjoyed about this novel was the vivid and descriptive writing style depicting the varied emotions and conflicts emanating from these complex characters. Sarah, in her early thirties, is from Baltimore. Her transition to Israeli life is difficult. She struggles to fit in with her new friends, while spending sleepless nights as if she were "a speck of dust" itching to get comfortable. Two thirteen-year-old friends, Yossi and Binny, represent the complexity of Israeli life today. Yossi, an only child, lives life on his own terms; a true free spirit. Binny, the rabbi's son, strives for independence but is burdened by the restraints of an ancient tradition.  
Although there are some very sad occurrences in this novel, ultimately it is a memorable tale of hope, faith and the passionate journey towards one's spiritual home."

The New York Times Book Review calls her novel, an "allusive, graceful novel." With all of this talk about a single book it is obvious that it will be worth your effort to pick up one of the two copies at Brennan Library.

Horoscopes

By Casandra Maurissaint

<div><div></div><div>Aries (Mar 21 - April 19)</div><div>You will know that it is not your month when even Burger King refuses to let you have it your way.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Taurus (April 20 - May 20)</div><div>While studying in Brennan Library this month, you will feel an odd compulsion to stack books symmetrically. Try to resist it.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Gemini (May 21 - June 21)</div><div>You will be able to get out of some unpleasant tasks this month, by pretending you are a chicken.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Cancer (June 22-July 22)</div><div>This month you will discover that your biggest problem is indecisiveness. Or maybe procrastination. Next month may be better to figure out which one it is.</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)</div><div>While walking around campus this month you will be "moonied" by every cat you pass. Fortunately, you won't notice.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22)</div><div>You have the need to be appreciated as a hard-working student. Tell your friends to clap and shout if they believe in you.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22)</div><div>Between now and the autumnal equinox, trust anyone with freckles. After that, trust no one.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</div><div>A hive of naked mole rats will try to move in with you this month. You will find that they are relatively tidy creatures, but that it's a trifle difficult to explain their presence to your friends.</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</div><div>You need to stop accepting responsibility for your own life. Everything is actually the fault of that liberal media, you know. You'd be nearly perfect, or at least getting straight A's, if it wasn't for them.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</div><div>You will spend another month surrounded by idiots, or perhaps by well meaning but simple folks, who will drone on you until your smile becomes forced, and you will begin to look like a deranged rodent.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</div><div>You are about to start a band with friends, which will be called "Laser Lushes". You will choose that name primarily because one of your group members simply doesn't care for "Clenched Buttocks" as a band name.</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)</div><div>This month is not a good month for you to be yourself. In fact, that might even be dangerous. Be someone else, until further notice...</div></div>



## Poetry

By Anna

### balance

*I think too much  
can't get these wheels to stop turning*

*images of what was once so cherished  
and thoughts of what will happen next  
float through my head*

*remain still  
stay calm  
all hope is not lost*

*but there's this hole in my heart  
and a space in my bed*

*I just wish you were here  
and sometimes I <sup>can</sup> can't not  
so I just breathe in and pass it on  
and I close my eyes  
just to feel it all go away*

*only it doesn't  
and it consumes me*

*to the point where I'm drowning*

*and I can't eat  
don't sleep  
don't do much at all,  
except dream*

*which is all it will ever be.*

## Movie Review

By Tracey Maloney

### The Recruit (Three and a half out of Four Stars)

**Starring:** Al Pacino, Colin Farrell, and Bridget Moynahan

Colin Farrell is brilliant as the young CIA recruit James Clayton. His intelligence and unconventional attitude attract the attention of veteran Walter Burke (Al Pacino), who helps Clayton get to the CIA training facility, The Farm. There he suffers through an endurance trial that tests not only his strength but his emotions. This movie has dramatic twists and turns and the ending will shock you. Suspensful and entertaining, it is truly one of this year's best movies. If you like The Recruit you may also enjoy: Training Day, Spy Game, The Bourne Identity

### Chicago (two out of four stars)

**Starring:** Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere This highly disappointing version of the popular musical is nominated for the most Oscars this year. I'm still trying to find out why. The story is about the murderesses Velma Kelly (who blanked out and killed her cheating husband) and Roxie Hart (who killed her boyfriend in a jealous rage) strive for fame at any costs including scandal and lies in 1920s Chicago. I love the stage play, and felt slightly cheated with the music in this version. They even changed one of the songs to a new one. So if you love the musical, do not go see this movie. If you like musicals, you may also enjoy: Guys and Dolls, Cabaret, Singing in the Rain, Grease

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## THE LIGHTS GO UP AT LASELL

By: Tracey Maloney



Shakespeare once wrote, "All the world's a stage." To a group of Lasell students that has become a reality. The Lasell Actors Lab is currently preparing for a performance of the play "Dancing at

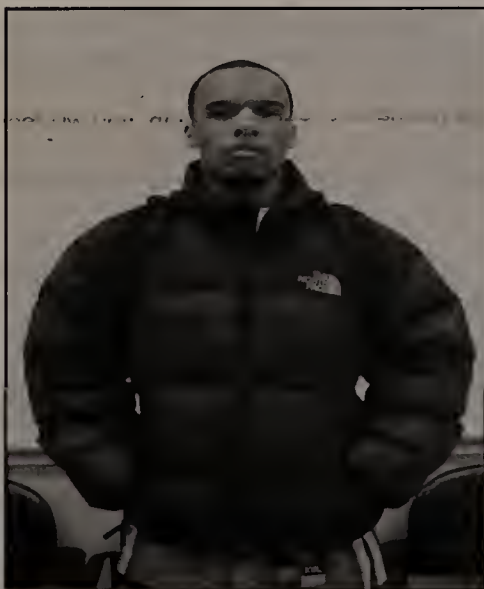
Lughnasa" by Brian Friel. It is the story of an Irish family before WWII, and their struggles to make it in the world. The show will feature the talents of Jenny DuPuis, Leila Hoffstein, Liz Landon, Danielle Johnson, Tiffany Cuddihy, Josh Layne and David McInnis. The Stage Manager is Sara Barber. When I asked director Kent Miller about the chemistry of the cast, he replied, "The chemistry of the cast we've assembled is terrific and the interactions between the characters are what form the basis for the play's power. Working with a cast like this is a real joy for a director and I think the cast is enjoying their experience. I know I am." From the sound of it, these actors are working really hard to develop their characters and get ready for opening night. Support these actors when they take the stage. The dates are May 1, 2, and 3 at 8:00 p.m. The price of admission is a canned good for a local food bank in Boston. Come and see if the musical "Fame" got it right when they said, "Acting is the hardest profession in the world."

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**Solace Hummel, Junior-** "About a month ago, I went to visit a friend of mine at New York University. My friend's roommate joined us for a party in the basement of a fraternity house, and we were all looking for a good time. The party was just getting started, consisting of new faces, music, and most importantly, a black light. About five minutes after we got there, my friend's roommate turned to make a comment to me, at which time I noticed her face for the first time since we had arrived. She had what you

could call a bit of a mustache. What I found out the hard way was that she bleaches her mustache and the black light told all. Her face was glowing brighter than the moon. The second I looked at her I was in mid-sip of my drink, which inevitably I purged all over the poor girl. Completely oblivious to the fact, she was asking me what was wrong, standing there in her wet white shirt and looking at me with a serious but glowing face. I didn't know what to say since I didn't know her very well so I took off, leaving her blissfully enjoying the party with a 'glowing smile!!'

## Celebrities Seen on Campus



"RedMan"  
Shawn Proctor



"Stevo" From MTV's JackAss  
Billy Cipriano



"Sherm"  
Ryan Shaughnessy



"Jay Z"  
Shaaron Holloman

Pictures taken by Jeff Bradford



## Five Students and Three Faculty Spend Winter Break in Mexico

By Aida Mejia

Over this year's winter break while most of us went home, five Lasell students, two faculty members and one staff flew down to Veracruz, Mexico for the first international service-learning trip. For thirteen days students Sandra Orellana, Jeffrey Peguero, Katrina Hester, Zamanta Monterrosa, Vanessa Solivan and faculty members Helen Alcalá, Stephanie Athey and Jami Shamberger stayed with Mexican families and worked together with educators, farm workers, small business owners, children and the elderly on various community service projects. During their time in Mexico the group picked coffee, painted houses, planted trees and rode horses. This trip served as a learning process to study about the areas in Mexico that need help and what can be done to help them. Nogales and Coatepec are the two areas in Veracruz where they stayed. Nogales is a small town that is dependant on other industries, while the economy of Coatepec depends on sugarcane and coffee production. The group had

a chance to participate and experience firsthand the process of coffee production. This experience opened the students' eyes and taught them a lot about poverty and the causes of it. They also planted gardens in a kindergarten, which allowed them to interact with the local children. The kindergarten children were excited to have the Lasell students with them. "They were asking for our autographs!" comments Vanessa, "We couldn't not give it to them." The students were able to meet a young boy with a physical impairment. Unfortunately, his family does not have the funds to properly care for him. "I wanted to cry, but by crying I wasn't going to help him," remarks Sandra. With this as part of their inspiration, the students who went and some who have now joined them are organizing a non-profit organization called Ninos de Veracruz, Mexico. This organization will raise money to help support education for Mexican children. It doesn't end there. These dedicated students are also beginning work in order to

build a school for children with special developmental needs in Nogales. In both cities the mayors took time and met with the Lasell students and faculty to provide a better understanding of the issues their cities are dealing with. Maria del Refugio Lopez is a Professor of Chemistry at the University of Veracruz de Jalapa. She is also the president of the Coatepec Coffee Growers Collective, the Ejido de Coatepec. She organized the service work and arranged all the events in which the Lasell students were involved. Not only did the students meet with the cities' mayors, they also met with coffee growers, workers and factory owners. The Veracruz community provided a trip full of education and entertainment for our students. At one point in the trip, students worked with a Casa de Ancianos, the only retirement home in Coatepec. At the retirement home the students painted the dining area and some residents' rooms.



For our students those thirteen days have helped them understand how fortunate the United States is. "When you come back to the U.S. you feel guilty because you have everything and they have nothing," recalls Sandra. The students agree that since they've come back from the trip they feel more appreciative of their lifestyle here in the U.S. "I enjoyed the trip because I was able to become a part of their culture," states Jami. Lasell's partners in Mexico have invited students to Veracruz and offered to connect students to projects and service opportunities relevant to their major or career choice. The experiences of this trip are ones that will remain with these students for the rest of their lives. Even though the trip is over, they continue to work hard with their non-profit organization and planning next year's trip. If you'd like to learn more about this trip or think it sounds like something you may want to participate in next year, then keep your eyes open for upcoming informational meetings and events sponsored by the Ninos de Veracruz organization.

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### Shuttle Gets Students Approval

By Dan Adams

Getting around places can be tough when you don't have access to a car. But, here at Lasell College there is a solution for all that call the College Shuttle. Running from 4 pm to 1am, the shuttle provides transportation around the campus, to Star Market, and to Riverside T Station. The drivers are all students. They are Juniors Shaaron Holoman and Dan Costa and Sophomore J.D. Neal. "We get up to 30 calls a night, with up to 50-60 pickups," said Costa. With all those calls you would think the Shuttle would be backed up at times, but after you call the Shuttle is there in five minutes. "I feel extremely safe knowing my life is in the hands of these drivers who are not only good people but also real good friends of mine," said Justin Henderson, a transfer student from Newbury College. He added, "Not having to walk is also a plus." Some students feel that from Thursday through Saturday is the biggest Shuttle asset, because it turns into a "party bus" for students going from one party to another. Dan, Shaaron, and J.D. will even wait while students shop at Star Market or come back to meet them after using the T. Almost like a free taxi service. The biggest concerns are the running hours of the Shuttle and the distance that the Shuttle can go. Also a reoccurring complaint was a student desire for transportation to Store 24 and various business along Route 16. So if you ever need a ride around campus or someplace close by just call: **1-(617)-201-4109** and remember to thank your driver. Below are some statistics from last semester.

### FASFA Deadline

April 15th

By Camille Frith

I recently met with Michelle R. Kosboth, the Director of Student Financial Planning, to discuss upcoming student financial deadlines. Ms. Kosboth informed me that returning students have to fill out a **FASFA form by April 15th**. She also added that for all returning students, **parent tax returns and W2s must be handed in by April 20th**. For incoming freshmen the deadline is March 1st, 2004.

In mid to late May deposits must be made for next year to pre-register and participate in room draw. Payments must be made to the Bursar's Office. **Final tuition payment must be made before June 1st**. After the 1st students will be penalized 5%.

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### Demetrius DeJesus

earn many, "Tommy Points." He's that good of a player. Not only is Demetrius a great player but he's also an asset to the campus as a student. He will be looked to once again next year to help propel the Lasers to the division 3 NCAA tournament. Demetrius is a leader on and off the court and that is the reason he was chosen as "The Playa of the Season." Congratulations to the whole men's basketball team





# RED SOX FEVER; IS THIS THE YEAR?

Source: (www.mlb.com)

## There's Always Next Year Red Sox look past sizzle for 2003

By: Anthony Maimone

There's always next year; a saying that Red Sox fans have become too accustomed to in the past 85 years. But don't worry Red Sox fans; there are still plenty of years left to win that World Series title that has eluded them. The Curse of the Bambino has to wear off eventually! By the way, that still has to be the dumbest trade in the history of major league baseball.

As the 2003 Red Sox get set for opening day, there won't be that sizzle that has accompanied some past springs. There were no blockbuster additions in tow. There are no great expectations from national media forecasting that this is the year the seemingly endless championship drought will end. The good news is that sizzle and expectations don't win championships. Sox fans should know that bet-

ter than anyone.

The Red Sox have the nucleus of a team that can make a run for it all, but there are so many question marks surrounding this team that remain a factor. Their top three players Nomar Garciaparra, Manny Ramirez, and Pedro Martinez are all coming off exceptional seasons. Pedro returned to form winning 20 games with a 2.26 ERA. Nomar seemed to recover from the wrist injury, batting .310 with 24 homeruns and 120 RBIs. Manny fought through an injury-plagued season to win the Batting Title. But that was last year and the luck the Red Sox had then could mean nothing.

This team has potential.... potential for disaster. Pedro wants a new deal or else he is packing his bags. Derek Lowe had a great season last year, but was it a fluke? Two years ago Red Sox fans were booing this man out of Boston. Who's to say that that horrendous pitcher from two years ago won't return this year? The Red Sox do have a Giambi on their team; unfortunately they are a year too late and had to settle for Jason's brother Jeremy. Too bad! Shea

Hillenbrand showed his true colors the second half of last season stinking up Fenway with his play and now the Sox are trying to get rid of him.

I honestly feel bad for the Red Sox and their fans because they go through so much torment year in and year out. Just think, if Bill Buckner knew how to pick up a slow ground ball we wouldn't be discussing this. The Sox always have the tools for success, but they never can get that chemistry that a certain New York team has had since Torre took over.

The Red Sox can't stand how the Yankees spend so much money, but honestly, is that the reason for all the hatred? The Red Sox have resorted to childish games such as name-calling. "The Evil Empire," what was that all about? It's about time that Sox fans wake up and realize that it isn't going to happen the way they want it to. But, who am I to take away the hopes and dreams of many. Remember all you Sox fans, there is always next year!

## THE THEO EPSTEIN EXPERIMENT

By Ryan Lauriat

Hey Sox fans. Are you ready for another exciting season of Red Sox baseball? O.K. so I sense a little skepticism going into the 2003 season. The whole contract negotiations with Pedro are going south, the trade rumors about Shea, and this closer by committee theory that General Manager Theo Epstein has forced upon Red Sox nation. The Sox are third in the league in payroll this year; let's hope that it doesn't mean they will end up three games out of the playoff spot come September. Last season the Sox were without slugger Manny Ramirez for a month and a half with a broken ring finger, his RBI production went down, but he did win the American League Batting Title. Nomar is feeling no ill effects this spring training towards his broken right wrist that occurred two seasons ago. Hopefully they can get through this year healthy; if so Nomar will get his third batting crown, and Manny will be the king of RBI land.

With the departure of both the fan favorite Brian 'dabber' Daubach and of the 'free-swinging free agent mistake of a year ago' Tony Clark, first base, along with the bullpen, were the main concerns this off-season. Theo picked up left-handed slugger Jeremy Giambi, ex- Florida Marlin Kevin Millar, and switch hitter David Ortiz. They were not big name free agents, but all swung a steady bat in 2002, and Epstein thinks the attitude these players bring to the team is much more important than the offensive numbers they will put up this year. "It's been really meaningful the last couple of days for those of us who wanted them on this club to see them out there in uniform. They're going to be a huge part of the chemistry we have this year and a huge part of the product on the field too. They're special players and we're happy to have them." There also is talk in camp about Hillenbrand putting on a first baseman's mitt this year, since the addition of veteran third baseman Bill Mueller, who is coming over from the Chicago Cubs, puts the all-star in a heated battle for the starting job at the three bag. "There's quite a possibility for that," manager Grady Little said when asked if Hillenbrand will see time at first. "The makeup of our club has flexibility for a lot of players and that's advantageous

for all of us." Mueller, who is a switch hitter, was hitting .295 at the beginning of last year until May 13 at Bush Stadium when he dove for a ball and broke his kneecap. Upon his return that same season he finished with a .262 batting average and was released. As for the middle of the infield, newcomer Todd Walker will be anchored at second base. Last year he split time with the Cincinnati Reds and the Colorado Rockies. He posted a career best .299 batting average, and fielding percentage of .989. The two time batting champion Nomar Garciaparra, the infield general, will be in his fifth season playing solid baseball at shortstop. Last season his batting average dipped a bit (.310) but was the team leader in RBIs with a career high 120. Freddie Sanchez will relieve both Walker and Garciaparra at their respective positions. A rookie out of Pawtucket, he saw limited action last year and is expected to play a bigger role as the Sox strive to gain a playoff spot. Behind the dish for his fourth season with the big club is Jason Varitek. "Tek" is the heart and soul of the pitching staff, and his hard-core style of play reminds Sox fans of the catching style of old number 27, hall of famer Carlton Fisk. He doesn't put up the offensive numbers as "Pudge", but the way he handles the pitching staff is by far the best in baseball. In his short career, he has already called two no-no's and caught a Cy Young Award winner. The pitching staff respects him and his throw back style of play makes everyone in the league take notice.

As for the starting pitching staff, the top two spots in the rotation will be once again the runners up of last year's Cy Young award Pedro Martinez and Derek Lowe. Martinez showed no ill effects of shoulder surgery last off-season and posted a 20-4 record and led the American League in both E.R.A. (2.26) and strikeouts (239). Though there have been heated talks about the Sox not picking up his \$17.4 million option for the 2004 season and threats that he will not come back if the deal isn't done by the break of camp, Pedro wants to win and will not hold back this season in the team's quest to win a championship. In the second spot in the rotation will be 21 game winner Derek Lowe. Lowe, in his second full year as a starter, had a breakout year with the Sox sporting a 2.58 E.R.A., was last year's starting pitcher for the All-star Game, and threw a no-hitter against the Tampa Bay Devil

Rays on April 8. Another member of the rotation will be John Burkett, a former 20 game winner who started last season on fire, winning his first eight starts before he cooled off after the mid-summer classic. He is looking to rebound this year and have more consistent outings. Next is knuckleball specialist Tim Wakefield. Upset about the way he has been used in the past, Little gave him his wish and inserted him in the starting rotation to start off this season. In the past Wakefield has been used as a starter, set-up man, and closer sometimes in the same week. The last spot in the rotation is a toss-up. Lefty Casey Fossum was the front-runner to fill that spot at the beginning of spring, but now has a little company that wants his spot. Newly acquired Robert Person just signed a minor league contract with the club and is in the hunt for that final spot. The former 15 game winner was the opening day starter for the Phillies last season.

Manager Grady Little is excited to see how this bullpen experiment is going to work out once they toe up to the rubber. Newcomers include ex-Yankee sinker-baller Ramiro Mendoza, hot prospect Chad Fox, who is coming off an injury riddled season last year with the Brewers, and righty Mike Timlin, along with returning fireballer Alan Embree who can hit the high 90's with his heater, and crafty veteran Bob Howry, who doesn't bring the heat, but his off-speed pitches and ability to hit the corners have nobody doubting that talent will be looming in the right field bullpen. This group is considered one of the best in baseball. "It is going to be a challenge," said Little. "It's a little bit out of the norm in this day and age. The key is having people to go to in that bullpen. Our options are good. The number of people we have is [a plus] ... There are more than just a couple who can get the job done."

After the season opens against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, more questions will be answered and roles will be defined. Once George Steinbrenner gets a look at the 2003 Red Sox, he'll know that even his wallet may not be enough to get a world championship. The Red Sox have the pitching and firepower to dethrone the "Evil Empire" at the top of the American League East. The hard-nosed, throwback attitude these players have will make it tough for other teams to match up with them. The only thing I'm concerned about is that World Series title.



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## One Team Together Men's Basketball Win Back-to-Back NAC Titles

By Anthony Maimone

If you are to look on the bulletin board outside of Coach Chris Harvey's office in the Athletic Center, there is a sign that reads "No one thinks we can repeat. One team together, this year more than ever." That's a saying that the team rode all the way to the top. On Saturday March 1st, the Lasell men's basketball team achieved a goal that was set at the end of last season by winning their second consecutive NAC championship 84-71 over Maine Maritime. The score nowhere near tells the whole story. For much of the game it was an uphill battle as the team struggled to find its game. Lasell trailed Maine Maritime by nine at halftime and something obviously needed to be done. One of the players that made the immediate impact was freshman Bernard Buttone whose defensive tenacity gave Lasell the spark they needed. "Coach said that we worked too hard all season to give it up now," says Buttone of Coach Harvey's halftime speech. Though Buttone does not light up the stat sheet his three steals were a huge factor in the Lasers' comeback. Coach Harvey says, "Bernard brings defensive intensity, he gets his hands on a lot of tips and just keeps on coming." The second half displayed what this team was all about all season long. They dominated the competition, outscoring them by twenty-two, the way they always have: together. In total, the team had four players

score in double figures led by the trio of Demetrius DeJesus, Stern Chamblain, and Greg Walker all with nineteen points each. DeJesus said, "We took them too lightly in the first half and we were sort of freelancing. In the second half, the game was on the line and we had to step it up." One man seemed to take it upon himself the way only a true leader could. Junior Captain Greg Walker scored seventeen of his nineteen points in the second half and took control of the game. "He's our captain, we look to him for many things. He truly defines the heart of a champion," says Harvey. After the game Walker said, "As a team we ran our game correctly, it wasn't just one individual." That seemed to be the main theme of this game and of this season: teamwork. According to Harvey, "This team had to overcome the ability to score and the lack of initial depth that last year's team didn't. If I had to give one characteristic that made this team champions it would have to be togetherness." The team pulled it off and finished with a school record of 22-5 and advanced to the NCAA's for the second straight season. Making the all-tourney team was Walker and the tourney MVP was Stern Chamblain. The best part of this team is that the majority of these players will be returning for a run at a three-peat! Congratulations Lasers and good luck in the future.

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## Athletes of the Season

By Keith Tower

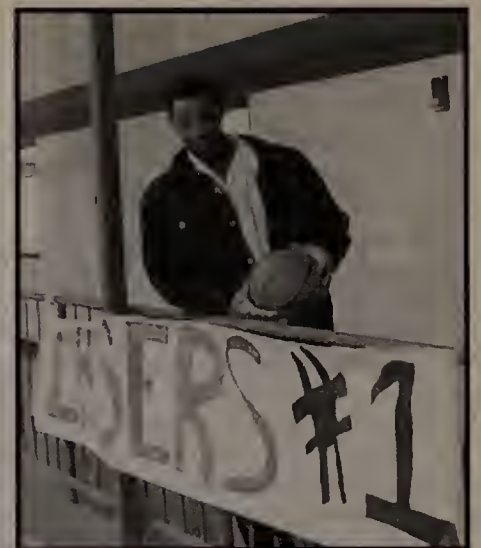


### Monica Sheppard

For this season's female player it would have been impossible for me to choose anyone but Monica Sheppard. She's the leader of the women's basketball team on and off the court. She was called on many times this season by her team to step up and make plays and that is what she did on a consistent basis.

Not only are Monica's single season stats impressive, but her career stats are amazing. In her career she has 1153 points becoming only the second woman to do that in school history. This season she dished out 278 assists while pulling down 575 rebounds. She's a very versatile player who also had 206 career steals. She's the type of player who made everyone else around her play better which might be the best aspect of her game.

By looking at her statistics alone she deserves to be "The Player of the Season," but that is not the only reason she was chosen. She was chosen because of her stats, talent and personality. She's a genuinely nice person who is always pleasant to be around. It's unfortunate that she's a senior and we cannot watch her run the court anymore. Congratulations Monica!



### Demetrius DeJesus

This edition's Male Athlete of the Season was very hard to choose. However, after seeing the statistics on Demetrius DeJesus I knew that he was the one. Demetrius is to Division 3 basketball what Shaq is to the NBA. He's the school's "down low presence" and made the NAC All Conference team. Coach Harvey's job is made much easier because of the work ethic and talent of Demetrius. You can always see Demetrius walking around campus or in the cafe, and every time you see him he always has a smile from ear to ear.

Demetrius is only a sophomore but is well on his way to breaking 1000 points and becoming only the 3rd male in school history to do so. He led the team in scoring with 15.6 points per game, winding up with 438 points on the season. He also led the team in rebounds with 8.3 per game and an amazing field goal percentage for a center with a .513% for the season. With stats like that it's no wonder Lasell has won the past two NAC championships while also being selected to the NCAA Division 3 tournament for the second year in a row. In the words of Tommy Heinsan, Demetrius would

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